

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This is a continuation of U.S. Patent application no. 09/844,113, filed on April 25, 2001. The specification has been amended to note that this is a continuation of a co-pending application.

The specification as submitted contains paragraph numbering in brackets to conform to the format presently utilized.

Original Claims 1-4 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

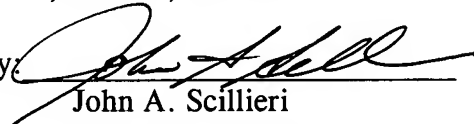
New claims 5-10, inclusive, are being submitted for consideration. It is believed that the new claims set forth patentable subject matter and favorable consideration is requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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